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Prof. Dr. Gerhard von Mende/"Staatlichkeitsangelegenheiten der Ostpreußen"

WUKA-8768, dated 11 May 1956

1. As a follow-up to the information in Paragraph 3 of reference dispatch, we are transmitting copies of a six-page confidential memorandum for the record from the Federal Interior Ministry, dated 17 July 1956. It concerns a meeting, held under Interior Ministry sponsorship on the same date for the purpose of working out the preliminary steps in the establishment of special anti-Communist unit. The title page of this undertaking is to be known as "Staatlichkeitsangelegenheiten der Ostpreußen". If the latter proves such an undertaking feasible and if it is then decided to set up a permanent agency, it will probably be known as "Staatlichkeitsangelegenheiten der Ostpreußen". In its trial stage, this unit will be associated with the Interior Ministry, the Bundeszentrale fuer Heimatdienst being directly responsible for running it. Please note, however, that the meeting covered by the attached report already was thinking in terms of eventually incorporating this unit as an ostensibly private organization, the purpose being to enable it to solicit and accept non-governmental funds.

2. [ ] is being kept informed about this projected unit, because von Mende desires his help once it has been set up. [ ] has discussed with CAPISCH the question of his cooperation with this unit. In view of the unit's apparent close connection with UPSTIMM (AK's please note the relatively large number of UPSTIMMers already consulted by von Mende) and in view of the suspected Nazi background of several of the persons most closely associated with this undertaking, [ ] will probably not collaborate to the point of direct personal participation in the teaching courses. On the other hand, however, both [ ] and [ ] consider such an undertaking worthwhile in principle, and [ ] will give some indirect aid as von Mende may ask of him.

3. Internal KUBARK distribution of the attached memorandum for operational purposes is being taken care of by transmitting it to addressees. However, it is believed that other KUBARK offices and non-KUBARK agencies may have an interest in the projected establishment of this unit. It is suggested, therefore, that the Reports Section process the attached report in the form of an SOG. If you agree, you will want the following information:

- a. [ ] made it available to us on 7 August.
- b. [ ] obtained it from Prof. Dr. Gerhard von Mende a few days before then. Von Mende obtained a copy officially from the Interior Ministry, since he was one of the participants at the meeting.

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c. We would give this a B-F-Documentary evaluation.

4. [ ] has promised to keep us advised of any developments that may come to his attention. We shall transmit such information if and when it is obtained. In the meantime, we should be interested to hear whether any addresses has run across this information before and of any additional data you may be able to supply.

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